

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ALEXANDER WILLIAMS, :  
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Plaintiff, : **ORDER**  
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-v- : 19-CV-3347 (LJL) (JLC)  
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N.Y.C. DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, *et al.* :  
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Defendants. :  
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**JAMES L. COTT, United States Magistrate Judge.**

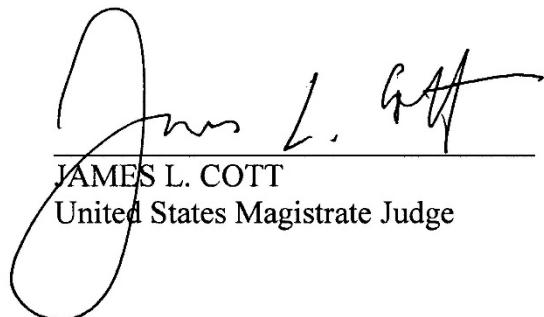
*Pro se* Plaintiff Alexander Williams has renewed his request for an appointment of counsel by letter dated November 13, 2020 (Dkt. No. 113). The Court has previously denied Williams' requests for counsel on August 8, 2019 (Dkt. No. 27) and again on July 20, 2020 (Dkt. No. 72). In both instances the Court found that it could not conclude on the record before it that Williams' claims were substantial or that he was likely to succeed on the merits.

As the Court explained in its August 8, 2019 order, for the Court to order the appointment of counsel, Williams must make "a threshold showing of some likelihood of merit." *Johnston v. Maha*, 606 F.3d 39, 41 (2d Cir. 2010) (citing *Cooper v. A. Sargent Co.*, 877 F.2d 170, 174 (2d Cir. 1989)); *Carmona v. U.S. Bureau of Prisons*, 243 F.3d 629, 632 (2d Cir. 2001). Because this threshold showing has not yet been made and given that resources for the appointment of counsel are scarce, the Court again denies Williams' request for the appointment of counsel

without prejudice to renewal if the record as further developed warrants it.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: November 17, 2020  
New York, New York



JAMES L. COTT  
United States Magistrate Judge

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